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## Strongman competition planned, asks for competitors, spectators

MOUNT IDA -- Organizer Landon Woodfield has announced a strongman competition in Mount Ida at Stidman Field on March 7,

The event will be called War of the Ouachitas.

The effort currently has 19 men and seven women athletes registered to compete across 12 different categories including men's and women's weight classes, novice and teen divisions, and masters 40+, 50+, and 60+ age categories for each.

The events during the competition will be a vehicle arm-over-arm pull, log press, axle deadlift, max distance tire throw, and max distance sandbag carry.

"These are the same type of events you may see at World's Strongest Man on tv," said Woodfield.

The event will welcome all athletes and spectators.

The competition is partnered in conjunction with the Mount Ida football program as a fundraiser for the team.

"Please help me spread the word of this competition to any athletes that are interested and to any spectators who would like to watch!" said Woodfield.

Competitor registration ends on February 8. The form can be accessed at [ironpodium.com/browse/event/war-of-the-ouachitas](http://ironpodium.com/browse/event/war-of-the-ouachitas).

## Board told baseball, softball regionals to be held here

MURFREESBORO -- South Pike County (SPC) School Board members were presented with certificates from the state School Board Association in honor of their service.

In addition each of the board members received a gift certificate from Eoff's Market food truck in Delight.

"It's a thankless job ... we do it for the kids, teachers and people that work [at the school] said board secretary Alyssa Duggan.

SPC Superintendent Tanya Wilcher said that letters of intent had been supplied to all school employees in order to help plan for next year. She said she had heard about some possible retirements, but employees had until the end of January to return the forms declaring their intentions for next school year.

Work on the 2026-2027 school year calendar was underway, but Wilcher said she didn't expect much in the way of changes from this school year's version.

Updating board members on the baseball/softball complex progression, Wilcher said the "batter's eye" background was completed as was new netting that extended upward another ten feet.

Additionally, concrete slabs for the batting cages had been poured, and Wilcher noted that

Smith's Ready Mix had donated some of the concrete to the projects.

Diamond Bank will be paying for the batting cage project.

"We have a great looking facility," Wilcher said of the twin field complex.

This upcoming spring playoff time will be busy for Murfreesboro, with the facility hosting not only the softball district tournament (7-2A baseball does not hold end of the season tournament starting last season) but also the baseball and softball regional tournaments on May 7-9.

Palestine Wheatley will again host the baseball state tournament, after being the only class 2A school to submit a bid.

Basketball regionals will be held at Hampton, while the state tournament will be hosted by Poyen.

Depending on the weather next week, the senior girls' track team will prospectively head to Fayetteville to participate in the state indoor track meet.

Wilcher said they would be watching the weather forecasts intently. The plan for the team to attend the meet in January 2025 was canceled by a bout of winter weather.

Agriculture instructor Blake Simmons has

been awarded an Arkansas Game and Fish grant for \$8,600 to aid in the school's shooting sports program. The program is funded by fines collected against offenders in Pike County.

The next school board meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m., subject to change depending on the postseason basketball schedule.

In the high school academics report, it was noted that while after school tutoring was "going well" it was noted that the school was looking for more students to participate. Parents of students interested in the program can call the school for more information.

MHS instructor Melissa Cornish was elected as the new President of the Executive Board for the Arkansas Science Teachers Association.

"[I'm] feeling honored, energized, and ready to support and uplift science educators across our state," Cornish recently said on social media.

At Murfreesboro Elementary School, students will no longer be provided the IXL learn-

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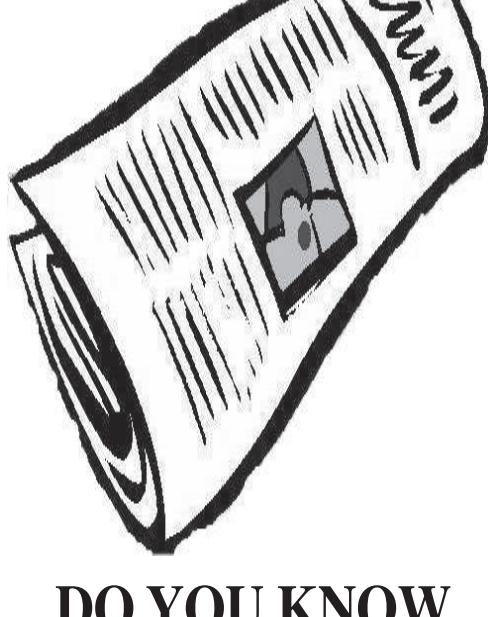
**MEMBERS RECOGNIZED** ... South Pike County School Board members were recognized at Monday night's meeting for their service. Pictured above is board members (L to R) Andrea McRae, Brian Caldwell, Barbie Baxter, Robert Silva, Cory Ballard, Alyssa Duggan and Wes Campbell.

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Staff photos

**STORE OPENS** ... Local residents were again provided the option of local grocery shopping following the opening of Chimney Rock Grocery on January 14. Pictured below is owners and employees on the opening shift.



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# BOARD

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ing program on their iPads for English language arts and mathematics.

"It was making them hate school," MES Principal James Riley joked.

He showed the board the new Waggle program from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company that will be implemented in a gaming/learning curriculum that is, according to Riley, "not overly gaming, compared to some."

"We have to meet the kids where they are at and engage them there," he said of the youths' desire for digital entertainment.

The program will force students to earn gaming time and allow only 90 seconds a day to adjust things like their avatar.

By engaging in lessons, the students can earn tokens, with each one (up to five maximum) earning them two minutes of gaming time.

The program will take the students through "educational missions" in order to master skills, watch topical videos before they can progress and provides hints and feedback.

"It's AI generated, so it adapts to each kid," Riley said.

The program will provide notification to teachers about problem areas for the students, and hallway space will be devoted to "leaderboards" for excelling students.

"It's not games all the time ... it will hopefully be a great supplement and educational tool -- it's pretty cool," Riley confessed.

MES is also holding after school tutoring, but Riley said there was lots of participation at the younger level.

"It's helping kids a lot -- according to them and their parents, so we will see how it goes."

This week the MES Beta Club will make their first trek to the state convention in Hot Springs on Wednesday.

"It's our first time, so we are going to take it all in and get motivated for

the future," Riley told the board.

He said students would be competing in visual arts, apparel designs, engineering and performing arts.

A survey will soon be sent home for parents of elementary school students.

The board approved the six year facilities master plan, which features upgrades such as ADA compliance and a new roof for the lower elementary.

Wilcher told the board that no comments had been submitted by the public during the review time.

She said some safety partnership money was available for things such as film over glass doors, bulletproof glass, and double door vestibules to slow entry into a building by someone outside.

The recent energy review study

did not project enough savings over the next 20 years of the program to justify entering it at this time, according to Wilcher. She told the board it wasn't anything the district had to "jump into" and could reassess in

the future.

Wilcher said the school would also look into revamping the concession stand and bathroom areas of the gymnasium.

The board approved a transfer

of a tenth grader who was home-schooled, formerly from California.

The parents of the student, who is interested in wrestling, asked that the release be given to attend the Arkadelphia School District.

The board also approved that

Wilcher be able to handle run of the mill transfer situations and the report them to the board as opposed to waiting for a meeting. She vowed

that she would wait for board approval on contentious or irregular requests to transfer.

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## Recent city council meeting comprised of internal houskeeping

MURFREESBORO -- The Murfreesboro City Council worked through a short agenda for its monthly meeting on Jan. 12.

The majority of the meeting time was spent on re-appointments, including council member Kirk Stone to the Murfreesboro Planning & Zoning Commission for another five-year term; and Lynn Bobo and Mattison Hickey to the parks and recreation commission.

The council also approved the meeting dates for the 2026 council meetings. The meetings are held the second Monday of

each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall with the exception of the Mondays that fall on holidays.

The council's next meeting will be a special budget meeting on Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. to approve the final ordinance to officially set the 2026 budget.

Mayor Jim O'Neal also announced that the Murfreesboro waterworks commission will now start meeting on the second Monday of each month instead of the first Monday.

The council also approved Recorder/Treasurer Penny Lamb's financial report,

which included the following beginning and ending balances:

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| General/General Operating:    | \$324,234/\$288,593 |
| Street/Street Operating:      | \$370,846/\$366,484 |
| Park/Activity/Sports:         | \$46,672/\$39,816   |
| Waterworks Combined Accounts: | \$867,248/\$869,959 |
| Advertising & Tourism:        | \$78,652/\$77,320   |
| Special Funds:                | \$313,078/\$308,007 |

## 'Not So Newlywed' contestants announced for upcoming event

MURFREESBORO -- Pike County 4-H will present their popular "Not So Newlywed Game" fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 6.

The event will be held at the Murfreesboro Senior Center beginning at 6 p.m.

The meal will consist of a taco bar and dessert.

Tickets to the event are \$10 individually

or a table of six for \$60. They may be purchased at the door the night of the event or in advance at the Pike County Extension Service office at 100 Court Street in Murfreesboro.

The event will also feature a silent auction and door prizes.

The four couples participating in the event will be Marty and Mistie Arivett,

Matthew and Toni Humphry, Bubba and Jenny James and Blake and Ashly Simmons.

Entertainment for the event will feature Ethan Pickett, Jaycee Heaston, Hadee Wilson and Keeli Partee.

For more information, please contact the Extension office at (870) 285-2161.

## Homesteading conference set for February 21

NASHVILLE -- Howard and Pike County Extension will present the 2026 Southwest Arkansas Homesteading Conference on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The event will be held at the University of Arkansas Cossatot campus, located at 1558 US Hwy. 371 in Nashville.

Registration for the event will start at 8:30 a.m., with the program running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There is a \$30 registration fee to attend the conference. A meal will be included for those that register by Feb. 15.

Participants may register for the event via the QR code (pictured) or by visiting <https://uada.formstack.com/forms/>

southwest\_homesteading.

Topics at the event will include: composting, high tunnel/greenhouse management, dutch oven cooking, pie crusts, foraging for edible food, water bath canning, pressure canning and sourdough. More topics will be added before the event.

Additionally, this year's event will include a kid's camp for ages 5 years old and up. Cost for each child will be \$25 and is the perfect addition to parents/guardians attending the conference.

Kid's camp activities will include freezer jam, candles and mini barn quilts. They will be served pizza for lunch and snacks.



## Co-op announces new legislative app with tools for residents

LITTLE ROCK -- The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas recently launched a new version of its Arkansas Legislative Guide app that includes innovative features and functions.

"The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Legislative Guide app puts the power to connect with elected officials in Arkansans' pockets," said Vernon "Buddy" Hosten, president/CEO of Ar-

ansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. "As advocates for affordable, reliable electricity, the electric cooperatives offer the app as a tool for Arkansans who partner with us to ensure that policies and laws are fair and in the best interest of our state."

The easy-to-use app provides detailed profiles of state and federal officials, tools to keep notes on bills and committees, interactive content links and maps with personal pinpoint functions.

The Legislative Guide app may be downloaded at: <https://www.aecc.com/government-affairs/legislative-guide/>

### LETTER TO EDITOR POLICY

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## Obituaries

### Minor Tallant Chaney, 79, Murfreesboro



lard; one sister Irene Price and husband Hall; sister-in-law Betty Blackwood and husband Bill; niece Marsha Molnaird; and nephew Mobie Price.

Survivors include his wife of sixty years Patsy Chaney of Murfreesboro; one son Dennis Chaney and wife Jill of Murfreesboro; two grandchildren James and Jacob Chaney that were the light of his life; one sister-in-law Georgia Ballard of Murfreesboro; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 15, at Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 16, at the First Christian Church in Murfreesboro, with Brian Doyle and Kevin Corcoran officiating, burial followed in the Kelley Cemetery under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home in Murfreesboro.

Pallbearers were Randy Posey, Will Posey, Taylor Posey, Micah Brown, Kevin Gosnell, Jody Chaney, and Curt Beavert.

Honorary Pallbearers were Jerry Kizzia, Doug Brown, Stan Magg, Joe Burns, Kenneth Laird, and any of his Army Veteran comrades.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Gideons International, Howard County Children's Center, or Kelley Cemetery.

You may send an online sympathy message at [www.latimerfuneralhome.com](http://www.latimerfuneralhome.com)



### Aerial ballets performed by flock of birds in flight

This time of year, the sky is often the stage for a sort of hypnotic aerial ballet performed by hundreds or thousands of birds. To some it is more like a real-time display of abstract geometry. The moving and always changing formation is called a murmuration, and the birds doing it are Starlings. It was so named because of the murmuring like sounds of flapping wings and chirping coming from the massed birds.

Starlings are dark so a mass of them flying over an open space appears to change from almost black to light gray as it folds and unfolds. The aerial acrobatics are an amazing feat of synchronicity as if the mass was one organism. It is theorized that the flying skills of Starlings have to do with the fact that each bird is keying its movements off four to seven of its nearest companions, and it responds to directional changes when they do. It is like a chain reaction happening almost instantaneously.

Scientists theorize that the murmuration is a way that the migrating Starlings have evolved to protect themselves from hawks and other predatory birds. Ominously, the dynamics of murmuration are now studied as a possible way of making swarms of military drones more effective on the battlefield.

Other black birds are in abundance this time of year, flying about in large groups swooping from the sky to cover yards or trees, noisily lingering, before flying away en-mass. These are mostly Grackles with some Red-winged Blackbirds and Cowbirds tagging along. The record for the number of a bird species in a single gathering was set in December of 1964 in Arkansas. It was estimated that a mass of 40 million Red-winged Blackbirds clouded the sky, like smoke rising from the horizon, as one person described it.

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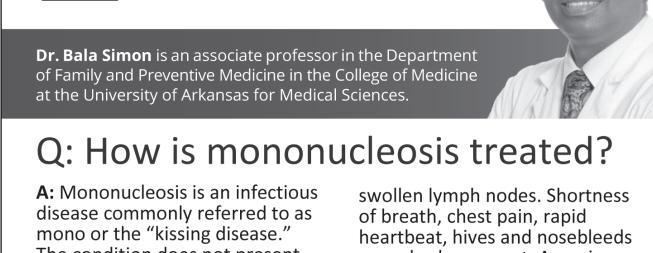
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Dr. Bala Simon is an associate professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

### Q: How is mononucleosis treated?

A: Mononucleosis is an infectious disease commonly referred to as mono or the "kissing disease." The condition does not present serious issues in many instances.

A study in the National Library of Medicine notes that 95% of Americans are infected by the age of 35.

The Epstein-Barr virus is the most common cause of mononucleosis, although the disease can also be brought on by other infections and viruses such as adenoviruses (a common cause of colds) or Hepatitis A, B and C. Mononucleosis is frequently spread through saliva, but can also be acquired through coughing or sneezing, or sharing utensils with an infected person.

Symptoms of mononucleosis include loss of appetite, fatigue, headaches, sore throat and

swollen lymph nodes. Shortness of breath, chest pain, rapid heartbeat, hives and nosebleeds may also be present. Anemia, an enlarged spleen and jaundice are complications of mononucleosis.

Mononucleosis often goes away on its own; however, symptoms may last for several weeks. It cannot be treated with antibiotics and antiviral medications. Treatment focuses on self-care such as taking fluids to remain hydrated, medications to relieve pain and getting plenty of rest. Contact sports and strenuous exercise should be avoided while infected. Contact your health care provider if you have questions.

Email your health questions to [housecall@uams.edu](mailto:housecall@uams.edu).



Learn more online at [healthy.arkansas.gov](http://healthy.arkansas.gov)



# Understanding estate planning and special needs trusts

Estate planning is more than writing a will. It is a thoughtful process of reviewing how you own property, determining your goals, coordinating assets, and developing a clear plan to transfer those assets to heirs or other beneficiaries. A good estate plan is one that meets a family's economic and legal objectives. It should address multiple levels of concern: What happens to property if one spouse dies? What if both spouses pass away? How is property handled if joint owners die, or if an entire immediate family is lost? These questions can become even more complex when a beneficiary has special needs.

A Special Needs Trust (SNT) may be worth considering if you have a child with disabilities who receives or may need Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, or other means-tested benefits; if you want to leave an inheritance to a disabled family member without affecting government assistance; if a loved one has received funds from a lawsuit or insurance payout; or if a disabled relative has unexpectedly inherited money or property.

Special Needs Trusts can benefit individuals with a wide range of conditions, including intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, mental health conditions, chronic illnesses, and progressive conditions diagnosed before age 65.

For families that include a loved one with disabilities, estate planning requires special care. Inheritances can unintentionally jeopardize essential government benefits such as Medicaid or SSI which have strict income and asset limits. A direct inheritance, personal injury settlement, or insurance payout can disqualify a person with disabilities from benefits they depend on for basic living expenses and medical care.

The importance of these trusts cannot be overstated. Because government benefit programs impose strict financial limits, even well-intentioned gifts or inheritances can cause harm.

For families of individuals with disabilities, special needs trusts offer peace of mind. Parents can be confident that their child will be cared for throughout their lifetime without losing access to healthcare or income support. Grandparents can leave meaningful inheritances that truly benefit grandchildren with special needs. Personal injury victims can preserve settlement funds while maintaining Medicaid coverage for ongoing treatment.

To help families navigate these important issues, the Pike and Montgomery Counties will host attorney Lisa Shoalmire of Ross & Shoalmire, P.L.C. on Monday, January 26 at 5:00 p.m. Shoalmire will speak on special needs trusts, sharing her profes-



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sional expertise and real-world experience. After her presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. This community program offers an opportunity to better understand estate planning and special needs trusts and to take informed steps toward protecting loved ones and their futures. Sandwiches and drinks will be served. There is no charge to attend. Please come and bring a friend. To register for this class, please call the Pike County Extension Office at (870) 285-2161.

This week's recipe is one of the quickest suppers you will ever find. Sprinkle a bowl of this zesty chili with cheese and a dollop of sour cream and you are guaranteed a heartfelt "ahhhh."

#### RECIPE OF THE WEEK: ZIPPY BLACK-BEAN CHILI

##### Ingredients

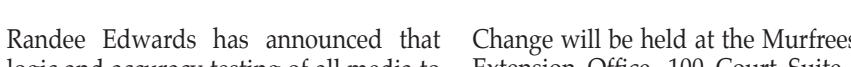
- ¾ pound ground beef
- 1 Tablespoon Chili powder
- 1 (19-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (14 ½-ounce) can crushed tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8-ounce) jar hot salsa
- Shredded Cheddar Cheese and Sour Cream (both optional)

##### Instructions

1. Cook ground beef in a large skillet over medium-high heat, stirring until it crumbles and is no longer pink; drain well. Add chili powder; cook 3 minutes stirring constantly.

2. Add black beans, tomatoes, and salsa; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Serves 4. Sprinkle each serving with cheese and a dollop of sour cream, if desired.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Randee Edwards has announced that logic and accuracy testing of all media to be used in the voting equipment for the 2026 Primary Election will take place in the Clerk's office at 112 N. Washington, Suite A, Murfreesboro, on Wednesday, January 28th, at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

JANUARY 28 & 29 -- Pike and Navada County Cooking Class -- Cooking for a

Change will be held at the Murfreesboro Extension Office, 100 Court Suite Suite A, Murfreesboro on Wednesday, Jan. 28 9 a.m. and Thursday, Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m. Class is \$20.

*Send community announcements to midiamond@windstream.net at least two weeks before an event.*

## EHC clubs names members of year for 2025

BY AVONNE PETTY  
Pike County EHC reporter

MURFREESBORO: The Pike County Extension Homemakers Club members from across the county met in December for their County Council meeting. President, Jeanette conducted the meeting with updates on the council and club's projects and news from the Arkansas EHC. An inspirational piece was read by Marcell Knighten.

"Shabby to Chic - Recycling what you have," was an interesting presentation by Susie O'Neal and Avonne Petty. Their program focused on reusing items we already have in new ways instead of throwing away and buying more.

Each club selected a "Member of the Year" for their club with an award presented to each. The

East Delight club awarded Ginny Evans the honor. As President, Evans works hard leading the club. Glenwood club selected the late Mona Swihart for their honoree. Swihart was instrumental in starting the "Sew It's Monday" group and was a very active member. Dorothy Ingram received the Pisgah club. She is the member who quietly works to support club projects. All three of these ladies richly deserve this honor voted on by members of their club.

EHC members are working on their project for this year, making bibs for the Nursing Centers in both Glenwood and Murfreesboro. Some will be dignity bibs made with shirts for the men.

For more information about the clubs in your area, or if you would be interested in starting a new club, contact the County Extension FCS agent, Eva Langley at (870) 285-2161.



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**MEMBERS RECOGNIZED** ... Dorothy Ingram (center) receives the Pisgah EHC Club Woman of the Year award with her club members (L to R): Jeanette Deaton, Susie O'Neal, Beth Steuart, Reda Ledbetter, Ingram, Connie Dorothy, Abigail Henderson, Avonne Petty, and Staci Henderson during the County EHC meeting in December.

## SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL MENU

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken alfredo, seasoned carrots, fresh broccoli w/ranch, garlic toast, peaches, milk

### Line 2- 7-12 Orange chicken w/fried rice

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, or cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, 7-12 white gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole grain roll,

pears, milk

Line 2- 7-12 Chicken nuggets

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Breakfast: Sausage croissant, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Beef -A-Roni, Italian vegetable blend, garlic bread, peaches, milk

Line 2- 7-12 Chicken sandwich, potato

smiles, lettuce, tomato

*\*Due to food item shortages menus are subject to change without notice. Any changes to the menu will be posted on the website at www.rattlers.org*

## MURFREESBORO SENIOR ADULT CENTER LUNCH MENU

### MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, chips, apple cobbler

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Chicken tenders, white beans, seasoned okra, roll, cookie

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Meatloaf, green beans, carrots, roll, peaches & cream

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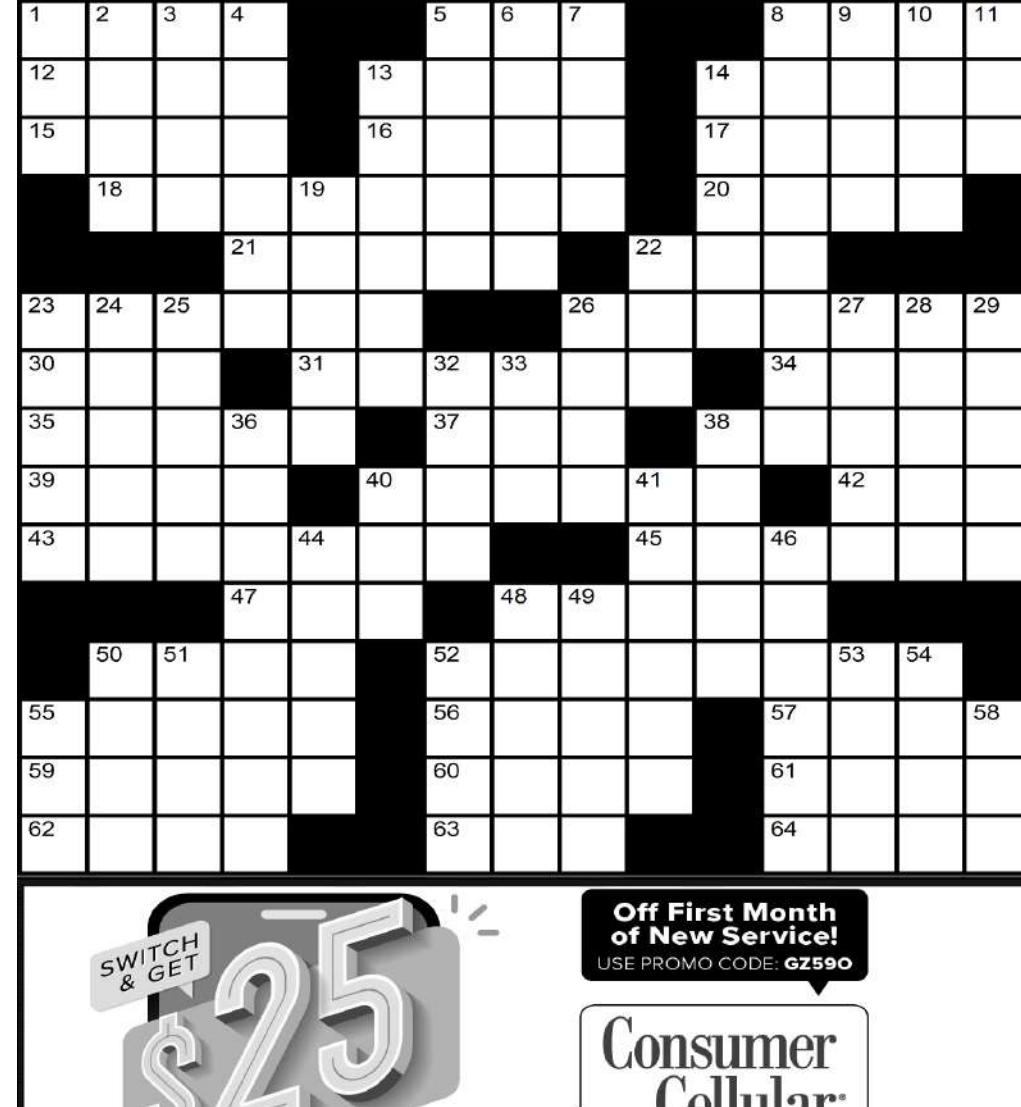
\* -- Theme Related Clue

**ACROSS**

- Pakistani attire
- Research location
- Partridge's fruit tree
- \*Grid follower
- \* \_\_\_ Upshaw, multiple Super Bowl winner
- Canada's national tree
- Like Homer Simpson's head
- Allege
- Agenda entries
- \*Adding a rushing player
- Aphrodite's lover
- Not host
- Tire meas.
- Composure under strain
- More distant
- Thompson of "Some Kind of Wonderful"
- Ubiquitous deciduous tree
- Genealogical plant
- Poetic feet
- Dream time, acr.
- The Romanovs, e.g.
- Song for solo voice
- Dishevel, as in hair
- Clever humor
- \*SoFi \_\_\_, Super Bowl LXI venue
- \*Last year's Super Bowl winners
- Web robot
- Tesla Roadster with Starman location
- a.k.a. podagra
- \*The only NFL team with perfect season
- Plant-based laxative
- Symphony member
- "No \_\_\_ for you!"
- No gains without them
- Retired, abbr.
- Field worker
- Bohemian
- Not Miss or Ms
- Poker amount

**DOWN**

- Bro to bro
- Speedy steed
- Chuck Berry's " \_\_\_ Over Beethoven"
- Rainbow color
- \*Santa Clara's \_\_\_ Stadium, Super Bowl LX venue
- Beside, archaic
- Titanic's frozen enemy
- \*Team with most Super Bowl appearances
- Fencing weapon
- Charitable contributions
- Hi- \_\_\_
- Garden shelter
- Unhealthy atmosphere
- Little hills
- P in m.p.g.
- Mark Twain to Samuel Clemens
- Lively
- Vampire of Greek mythology
- \*One of two teams to win while hosting Super Bowl
- Long fishing line
- Like haunted house
- What the defense does?
- High school dressy affair
- Romanian money
- \*Super Bowl LX halftime show headliner (2 words)
- Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young: " \_\_\_ Your Children"
- Egyptian boy king, for short
- Long jump
- I to Greeks, pl.
- Rob Marshall's 2005 movie "Memoirs of a \_\_\_"
- On the wagon
- Land parcels
- Shoulder pads and cleats
- Put a lid \_\_\_ \_\_\_!"
- College dwelling
- High part of day
- Edible fat
- Facial site
- \*Charlie Puth and Brandi Carlile, \_\_\_ game stars

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# MES announces second quarter honor roll lists

MURFREESBORO -- Murfreesboro Elementary School has announced the honor roll for the second nine weeks period that concluded the first semester.

Children on the lists include:

**KINDERGARTEN HONOR ROLL**

Laykin Ables, Payten Argo, Taylor Agudio, Pyasleigh Copeland, Ainsley Campbell, Allie Brown, Conner Buck, Ember Gatliff, Eva Vaught, Max Williams, Nayte Bates, Nora Kosters, Reece Bromley, Suttent Womack, Bentley Wastian, Skylar Jackson, Rowan Gillard, Piper Williamson, Willa Kidd, Clyde Henderson, Raylee Mitchell

**ALL A'S FIRST GRADE**

Charli Buck, Welden Caldwell, Blakeleigh Francis, Sage Howard, Asher Jones, Callie Lingo, Hazel Milner, Drakon Potter, Wyndell Rowton, Penny Rymer, Moxon Turbeville, Joseph Varner, Emmaline Walker, Jones Watson, Roman Zacarias

**ALL A'S SECOND GRADE**

Grayson Buss, Connor Deal, Avary Dinger, Renee' Floyd, Gatlin Frachiseur, Bryson Holder, Van Paruk, Addison Pruitt, Mia Quiroz, Jace Watson, Bradley Young

**ALL A'S THIRD GRADE**

Jolee Watson, Emery Mitchell, Kinly McRae, Brielan Caldwell

**ALL A'S FOURTH GRADE**

Townes Allgood, James Brewer, Amiley Jones, Kayden Morton, Jameson Motley, Tatum Silva, Max Stone, Anthony Trejo

**ALL A'S FIFTH GRADE**

Jaili Lamb

**ALL A'S SIXTH GRADE**

Cassidy Beene, Addeline Cox, Charlotte Cox

**A'S AND B'S FIRST GRADE**

John Furr, Beau Harris, Scarlett Katzer, Alaina Kerner, Wiley Lamb, Rosalene Robinson, Cooper Stokes, Lux Stone, Spencer Stone, Jaxson Schoenberger

**A'S AND B'S SECOND GRADE**

Tristan Boham, Kenzie Boyd, James Haney, Leonardo Hernandez, Geordyn Hutcherson, Marilyn Lowry, Garrett Melson, Sawyer Posey, Dlaney Rymer, Cooper Stokes, Elijah Summers, Dawson Vancamp, Otto Vitzthum, Darlin White, Dylan Wilson

**A'S AND B'S THIRD GRADE**

Dawsyn Breshears, Kizer Cheek, Serenity Combs, Kirbi Cox, Aiden Pendergast, Jaxin Teece, Landon Watts, Colton Nolan, Gracie Hill, Rylee James, Larkin Haney, Chaston Craig, Cassidy Campbell, Delta Whaley, Holdon Williams

**A'S AND B'S FOURTH GRADE**

Cutter Bailey, Brody Bennett, Keith Coleman, Charles Cross, Christopher Fultz, William Gaddis, Evan Harris, Weston High, Noah Hill, Rhett Jones, Lincoln Lamb, Caiden Lamphier, Malaisya McKnight, Emmitt Morris, Brylee Nuttall, Alice Oliver, Gemma Riley, Avery Stokes

**A'S AND B'S FIFTH GRADE**

Bentley Buss, Harrison Coleman, Ares Collins, Delilah Evans, Henley Frachiseur, Kynzlee Fultz, Holland Hill, Samuel Hoover, Jayce James, Khloe Kuykendall, Jake Lockwood, Diego Mata, Thea McKinnon, Stevi Pass, Lillian Pendergast, Mia Smith, Grayson Stone, Urijah Thomas, Kyle Turbeville, Luke Whitten, Elias Williams, Peyton Wright

**A'S AND B'S SIXTH GRADE**

Cade Robert Couch, Abby Cox, Allyson Cross, Jacey Heaston,

Jaxon Hoover, Adley Humphry, Annabelle Lockwood, Lily McRae, Brooklynn Pierce, Kora Stone, Nathan Sweeden, Sadie Varner, Lacy Walters, Braylee Ward, Ellie Woods

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## Local students named to OBU honor list for fall semester

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. -- Ouachita Baptist University has announced its Dean's List and President's List for the Fall 2025 semester.

To qualify for either list, students must be classified as a full-time undergraduate student, with a minimum of 12 academic hours and no incomplete or failing grades for the semester. The Dean's List features students who have compiled a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, while the President's List includes students who compiled a 4.0 grade point average.

Local Students named to the dean's list include:

- Amity -- Kinsley Rowland
- Glenwood -- Gracie Wright
- Mount Ida -- Landon Gadberry and Jacob Woodfield
- Murfreesboro -- Alyssa Jones and Ella Claire Brinkley

Local Students named to the president's list include:

- Amity -- Makenzie Grider
- Delight -- Jenna May
- Glenwood -- Andrea Allen and Taylor Doty
- Langley -- Anna White
- Mount Ida -- Drayton Standridge
- Nashville -- Anna-Kate Sartin and Addison Tate

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